

State of Hawaii
Department of Land and Natural Resources
Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement
Honolulu, Hawaii

May 22, 2009

Board of Land and
Natural Resources
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: Request to Extend Existing Contract for Furnishing Helicopter Transportation Services for the State of Hawaii between the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement, and Smoky Mountain Helicopters, K&S Helicopters, Windward Aviation Inc. and Manuiwa Airways Inc.

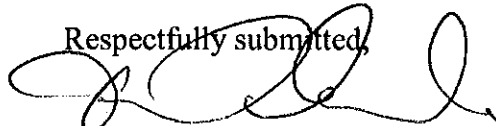
The Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) utilizes helicopter transportation services to assist with the detection, observation, extraction, eradication of marijuana and also to assist with criminal surveillance, apprehension and search and rescue. The current contract (DOCARE-08-001-OHMK) between the State of Hawaii and these four helicopter companies will expire in June, 2009.

This contract can be extended for two consecutive 12-month periods without re-bidding. Therefore, we are requesting the Board to approve the first twelve (12) month contract extension so that these services can continue without interruption.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement recommends approval to extend the contract for helicopter services and that the Chairperson be authorized to sign the 12-month contract extension for the Helicopter Transportation Services (DOCARE-08-001-OHMK) until June 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chairperson
Board of Land & Natural Resources